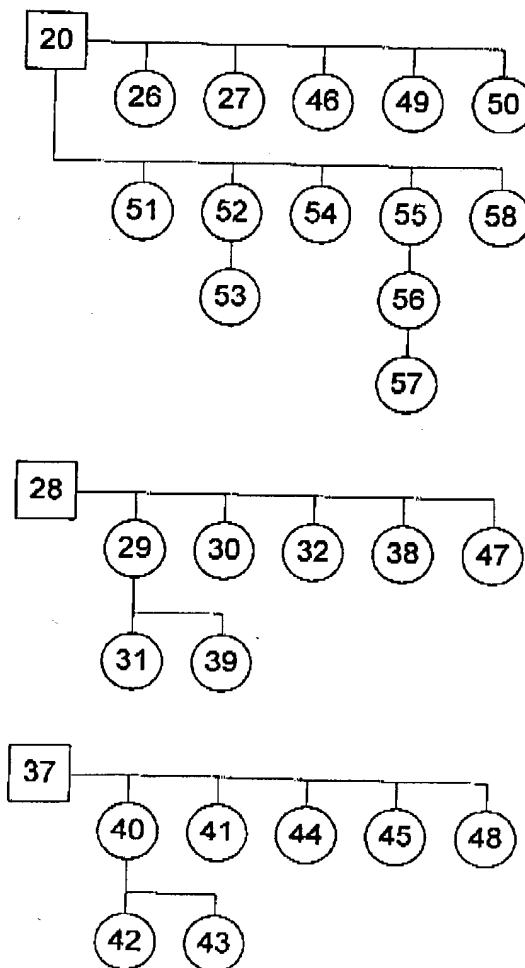


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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. A final Office action mailed July 27, 2004 is pending in the application. Applicants have carefully considered the Office action and the references of record. In the Office action, claims 20, 26-32 and 37-48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 and claims 28-32, 37-45 and 47-48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In this response to the Office action, claims 20, 26-28 and 37 have been amended, and claims 49-58 have been added. Therefore, claims 20, 26-32 and 37-58 are pending in the application. The following diagram depicts the relationship between the independent and dependent claims.



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Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103 of the Independent Claims

Each of the independent claims 20, 28 and 37 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over combinations of U.S. Patent No. 5,887,139 to Madison Jr. et al. (hereinafter *Madison*), U.S. Patent No. 5,577,250 to Anderson et al. (hereinafter *Anderson*) and U.S. Patent No. 6,393,569 to Orenshteyn (hereinafter *Orenshteyn*). The M.P.E.P. states that, to support the rejection of a claim under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), each feature of each rejected claim must be taught or suggested by the applied prior art.

To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art.

(M.P.E.P. § 2143.03). Each of the independent claims 20, 28 and 37 as amended herein includes at least one feature not taught or suggested by *Madison*, *Anderson*, or *Orenshteyn* alone or in combination with the prior art of record and is thus patentable for at least this reason.

In particular, each of the independent claims 20, 28 and 37 is amended herein to clarify the nature of the external resource files for which the second group of system users is responsible. For example, independent claim 20 as amended requires that at least some of these external resource files include one or more XML tags. In addition, at least some of the XML tags are required to be associated with one or more platform namespaces.

At least one of the external resource files comprising at least one extensible markup language (XML) tag associated with at least one of a plurality of platform namespaces.

(Independent claim 20, as amended). None of *Madison*, *Anderson*, or *Orenshteyn*, alone or in combination with other prior art of record, teach or suggest external resource files as required by independent claims 20, 28 and 37, at least because none of *Madison*, *Anderson*, or *Orenshteyn* mention XML tags and/or platform namespaces. Therefore, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of claims 20, 28 and 37 should be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112 of the Independent Claims

Independent claims 28 and 37 were rejected in the Office action as being indefinite due to inconsistencies between each of these claims and independent claim 20 concerning the use of claim element ordinal labels, i.e., "first group" and "second group."

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Claims 28 and 37 are independent from claim 20 and the use of differing ordinal labels is in fact consistent. Nevertheless, independent claim 20 has been further amended herein to eliminate any possible confusion. Dependent claims 26 and 27 were amended to make them consistent with the amended independent claim 20.

Newly Added Claims

Claims 49-58 have been added in this amendment to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention as described by the specification. In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(f), they do not add new matter.

The Remaining Dependent Claims

Each of claims 20, 28 and 37 is in independent form, whereas all of the remaining claims depend directly or indirectly on one of these three independent claims. The dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons that the three independent claims 20, 28 and 37 are allowable in that the dependent claims incorporate the features of the independent claims. Nevertheless, the dependent claims further define subject matter not shown or rendered obvious by the prior art of record. Because the independent claims are allowable over the applied prior art, applicants do not believe remarks addressing this further subject matter are necessary herein.

CONCLUSION

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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